

# Health & Human Services System Administrative Contacts

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Vital statistics, purchasing, equipment & supply  
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Dental access, dental provider surveys

### **Interim Deputy Director**

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Nebraska Credentialing Reform 2000, State Board  
of Health, 407 reviews, credentialing hearings

### **Regulatory Analysis & Integration**

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Regulation clearinghouse & tracking system;  
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## **Credentialing**

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*Licensing & certification of health care*

*professions & occupations*..... 471-2115

*Licensing & certification of assisted living centers,*

*nursing homes, health clinics, child care centers,*

*hospitals, mental health centers, home health*

*agencies, centers for the developmentally disabled;*

*investigation of complaints about health care facilities.*

*Certificate of Need* ..... 471-2946

*Child care licensing* ..... 471-9431

## **Investigations**

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*Investigations of complaints about health care*

*professionals; ADC, Medicaid, AABD, energy*

*assistance & food stamp recipient fraud; Title XX (child*

*care) fraud; internal fraud; quality control reviews of*

*TANF; food stamp, Medicaid & child support eligibility*

*and payment determinations*

## **Public Health Assurance**

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*Sanitation, radiology, mobile home park inspection,*

*EMS, communicable diseases & disease investigations,*

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*epidemiology, entomology, lead poisoning, bioterrorism*

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*Ryan White, chronic renal disease, diabetes, arthritis,*

*tobacco, injury prevention, cardiovascular disease*

*prevention, physical activity, asthma*

### **Office of Family Health**

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*Immunizations, newborn screening, perinatal*

*child health, school & adolescent health, CSFP, WIC,*

*reproductive health*

### **Office of Minority Health**

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*Minority health satellite offices, Native American*

*Public Health Act*

### **Office of Public Health**

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*Health Care Cash Fund, Turning Point,*

*Critical Access Hospitals*

### **Office of Rural Health**

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*Professional Incentive, Primary Care, Critical*

*Access Hospitals, Rural Agriculture & Farm Safety*

### **Office of Women's Health**

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*Women's Health Council, Every Woman Matters,*

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### **Medicaid**

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*Kids Connection, provider information, program  
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### **Home and Community Services for Aging and Persons with Disabilities**

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*Home/community services for elderly and children  
 with disabilities, medically handicapped children,  
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### **Dennis Loose, Chief Deputy Director** .....471-6038

*State veterans' homes, service areas, economic and  
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### **Veterans' Homes** .....471-9106

*Long-term nursing care for veterans*  
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*Child abuse, foster care, adoption, domestic violence,  
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*Community mental health, substance abuse,  
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